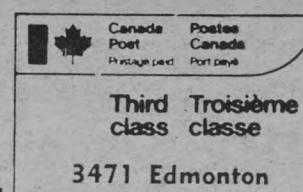


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HANNAH LUNDE FALTINSON - A PIONEER

by Marilyn Henderson

When Peder Ingebrigtsen Lunde and Matilde Eline Torgersen married in Norway in the 1800's, they surely could not have believed that they would be the roots for several generations of Canadians!

First-born of their seven children was Johanna Marie Lunde in Bjorkoy, Norway, on June 21, 1885. As the eldest of five girls and two boys, she learned the meaning of responsibility early, and soon became a beautiful and courageous young lady. In 1905 the 20-year-old sailed unaccompanied on the King Oscar II from Norway to New York City, U.S.A. She never saw her parents again.

Willison was also the meeting place for Hannah and her future husband. John Faltinson had emigrated in 1903 from Kopervik, Norway, to the Dakotas where he eventually met Hannah Lunde at a Church Young People's Meeting. Pastor Albert Johansen united the young Norwegian couple in marriage on April 6, 1912 in Williston. John Fister and Lina Ronning stood up for their close friends - who soon found out what a chivaree meant.

MOVE TO CANADA

The following year they were blessed with the birth of their first daughter, Ethel, and the hardy Faltinson family made an extensive

ly and the Alberta Avenue community. Having established themselves as successful and proud residents of Edmonton, John and Hannah received their Canadian citizenship on June 7, 1928.

PERMANENT FACILITIES

Each spring and fall for several years saw migrations when the dairy cattle were driven between their winter home on 97th Street and their summer home (with better pastures) in Dominion Park on 142nd Street (now Dovercourt area). These exciting moves followed a route down 118th Avenue through what is now the Edmonton Municipal Airport, until in 1934 permanent facilities were established at the west-end location.

HOME POPULAR

The Faltinson home was a popular meeting place for young and old alike - as well as a temporary residence for several of the children's friends over the years. Numerous dinner gatherings and picnics among their groves and meadows can be recalled by early Edmonton Journal clippings which Hannah still cherishes.

EARLY LODGE MEMBER

Always a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, this energetic lady made time for fund-raising events as one of the earliest members of the Edmonton Ski Club and Sons of Norway Lodge.

Her hard-working role, which ranged from milking cows to washing bottles and feeding hired help, was of prime importance in the functioning and success of their dairy. One might wonder how she found time to do volunteer hospital work after dairying, cooking, housekeeping, baking, sewing, gardening, raising four children, and seeing to the needs of a few less fortunate neighbours.

RETired

When Hannah was 68 she and John retired and sold the dairy operation, allowing industry and residential building to commence in the Dovercourt area of west Edmonton.

A well deserved vacation was finally realized in 1956 when they visited their childhood homes and

relatives in Norway. Their parents had since passed away, but Hannah and John enjoyed their first reunion with sisters and families in over 50 years.

It was a most enjoyable visit and experience, but both were happy to return to Canada where they had become accustomed to a more modern and progressive way of life.

NEW HOME

By 1958 these Norwegian Canadians moved to their new home in the Parkview district where they were to celebrate their golden and diamond wedding anniversaries.

Frequent gatherings of friends and family took place throughout the years, and the Faltinson home remains the headquarters for birthdays, anniversaries, and the traditional Norwegian celebrations on Christmas Eve.

KEEPS BUSY

Hannah has survived the loss of her dear husband and companion, John, in February, 1976, by consciously striving to live by her very wise philosophy - "I must keep busy." And that she is doing to this day.



Hannah Faltinson - 1980 - just prior to her 95th

- and in the next stuffs them with her home baking!

She rightfully holds great pride in her clean home and its fine furnishings, which include a number of her own needlecraft articles.

Her role as grandmother to ten, and great-grandmother to sixteen, literally keeps her on her toes and provides her with a good listening audience for the many stories (some 90 years old) and the singing of "Kjeiringa Med Staven"

95TH BIRTHDAY

In this year of Alberta's 75th Birthday, one of the province's sharpest pioneers celebrated her 95th birthday on June 21st.



Hannah Faltinson (at left) with her sister, Anna Cruickshank, from Norway, on June 21, 1980 - Hannah's 95th birthday

House guest or visitors are always welcome at Hannah's because one of her greatest pleasures in life is being a good hostess.

Her flower gardens and houseplants remain the envy of many green thumbs while providing her with the excitement of their new growth and beauty.

Thanks to 'Grandma' several more generations will be able to enjoy the special tastes of lefse, berline kranse, krumb kaker, and fattigmand. In one breath she tells the family of her once 36-24-36 figure

Hannah Lunde Faltinson thanks God that she has been blessed with 95 years of a happy and active life. The festive occasion in her home was celebrated by family members from Edmonton, St. Albert, Sherwood Park, Fort Saskatchewan, Calgary, Minnesota, U.S.A., and by her 84-year-old sister, Anna Cruickshank from Sjovegan, Norway.

We are so proud of you, Hannah, and we extend our blessings for your continued health and happiness!

WORKED FOR ROOM AND BOARD

Hannah continued, with her one trunk and \$10.00, to Beresford, South Dakota, where she worked hard for her room and board at the home of her mother's relatives. A desire to improve her English and learn more about this new country led her to Brookings, South Dakota, and for two years Miss Lunde cared for the home and family of a Professor Olive.

Her next move, to Williston, North Dakota, was to be Hannah's last residence in the United States. She continued to earn and learn in the employment of a druggist, Mr. Deriger, and family. Emma Lunde, a school teacher, joined her sister in Williston for three years, but returned to Norway as she had planned.

MARRIED IN 1912

The site of the only reunion of the two sisters,

and significant move to booming Edmonton in Alberta, Canada.

John worked in the construction field until a small trade in milk to friends and neighbours led them to purchase a second cow and a \$1.00 license to operate a dairy. That decision put an end to prior considerations given to homesteading in the Peace River country.

Their high quality of milk resulted in the signing of a contract in 1915 with Woodland Dairy (now Palm) to supply a special category of milk known as 'Babies' Special'. Business grew until 1923 when the Faltinsons established their own retail operation called Beechmount Dairy, located on 97th Street and 124th Avenue, with deliveries being made to households by horse and wagon - rather than on foot!

By this time three more children - Phyllis, Roy and Esther, had joined the fami-

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CENTRE OPERATION

Many things have had to be done at the Centre since mid-July including some badly needed painting and stripping of floors, as well as a thorough cleaning of the kitchen and washrooms downstairs.

The accounting office has been moved upstairs to make it much more convenient for everyone.

The parking lot on the west side was graded and gravelled - so, presto! - no more holes (for now anyway).

We've lost about 25 parking places on the east side of the building, and unfortunately, in the process of road-building, the grass in that area was chewed up and softened too badly to be able to use it for parking. We are, however, talking to the City Engineering Department as to how we might recover the lost spaces somewhere else.

Jens is in the process of having a mouth-watering menu printed for catering small dinner parties at home. We'll publish it in October's paper.

BUILDING PROJECT

We are seriously pursuing the purchase of the 5.14-acre property on 97th Street south of 51st Avenue and preliminary sketches

were recently submitted to the City of Edmonton, owners of the property. We haven't heard back from them yet, but we'll keep you informed.

The concept is exciting, and we'll try to get a copy of the right size for printing in the October paper. It is, of course, just the first time around and there are a lot of details yet to be decided. However, we're moving right along and will keep you posted as we go.

No news yet on the property downtown which we have listed with Knowlton Realty Ltd.

HERITAGE DAYS

Although Sunday was a washout, Monday's crowd saved the day. We made a little profit, and next month will have a statement for you.

We were greatly disappointed that the Icelanders and Danes couldn't field a display, and that neither they nor the Swedes could contribute to the entertainment. Our groups will have to do better than that if they hope to obtain any benefits through the Department of Culture. The whole matter will be discussed at an Inter-Group Liaison meeting in September - we're looking for suggestions from everyone!

THIS IS THE YEAR!



A typical 75th Anniversary Reunion

by Bob Burt

The greatest thing to strike both Alberta and Saskatchewan since oil is their respective 75th Anniversaries! This year's party has spread throughout the provinces and has brought together more friends, families and reunions than have happened in a lifetime.

GWEN AND NORM LEGAARDEN travelled to Abernathy, Saskatchewan, for that town's homecoming in July; there the family held a reunion attended by 60 of the 86 members, together for the first time.

HARRY AND BEA HUSER attended a homecoming at Ashmont on June 30ths where Harry displayed his artistry to his old friends.

CLIFF AND EDITH JOHNSON, together with Gary and Evelyn travelled to homecomings Norquay and Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, where they enjoyed meeting old friends.

KEN AND SELMA DOMIER also attended the Norquay homecoming.

MERLE AND BETTY TRAVIS together with Allan and Eva Berg attended a family reunion at the St. Albert homestead; over 50 relatives

were there, some from as far as Ontario and British Columbia.

DALE AND OLGA MCBRIDE returned to Bassano for their July 1st homecoming, and Olga went to Veteran for that town's homecoming on August 1st.

JANETTE AND BOB BURT joined in a school reunion July 26th and 27th at Bardo, Alberta; over 500 people attended and Janette met four of her school teachers. Jan also attended the Clymont reunion August 23rd and the Gramenia school reunion the weekend of August 29th.

GORDON BERDAHL was one of over 700 who participated in the July 25th homecoming celebrations at Hesketha, a small town near Drumheller.

EDNA GILTNER returned to Kinsella for their reunion the weekend of July 25th.

ANDERS AND ELEANOR ANDERSON attended homecomings at both Rich Valley and Meeting Creek.

And these are only some of Solgylt's membership who were contacted; we know that many more took part in homecoming celebrations and renewed old friendships.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE!!!

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by Anja Sahuri

FINNISH SOCIETY AT HERITAGE DAYS

Many thanks to all the hard-working people who made it possible for the Scandinavian Centre to take part in the Heritage Days Festival.

We had an opportunity to visit Hawrelak Park on August 4th, 1980, and the Scandinavian Centre Pavilion. There we saw some hard-working Scandinavians in the kitchen as well as in the display part of the pavilion. The stage was alive with Scandinavian music by the Freeloaders and dancing by the Finnish folkdancers.

Although the tent had to be erected again (it was downed by wind overnight) everyone working there seemed to be enthusiastic about the Heritage Festival.

Freeloaders played well as always, and the Finnish dancers kept the audience with them by some lively dancing. The displays must have been visited by



Heritage Days 1980

thousands of people admiring the woodwork, handicrafted doilies, tablecloths, wallhangings and other Scandinavian arts set up for display by Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish groups. Many of the above items were not for sale, resulting in many inquiries as to where one could purchase such items.

The kitchen staff must have been kept hopping judging by the long lineup at the counter. All in all I can only come up with the conclusion that Scandinavians did well with their pavilion.

If you have not been able to take part in Heritage Festivals so far, please don't miss the opportunity next year, for it is one of the most exciting events to take place dur-

ing the summer in Alberta. Heritage Festival was being celebrated in many communities in Alberta, what with the 75th anniversary and all.

Also on the afternoon of August 4th, the Honourable Peter Lougheed and the Chairman and members of the Government House Foundation held a reception and a tour of the Government House for some two hundred invited guests. All the Scandinavian representatives to the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council were in attendance at that special occasion.

Again many thanks to all the staff and the performers for the job well done.

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MOCK WEDDING HIGHLIGHTS EVENING

A bridal shower was held at the Scandinavian Centre Wednesday, August 6th honoring the bride elect, Darlene Melsness, and her fiance, Roger Osberg.

A large number of friends gathered to wish them both the very best in their future life together. Also present was Doreen Melsness, mother of the bride from Courtenay, B.C.

Gifts of money were placed in an inverted umbrella, so that when the appropriate moment arrived money

cascaded down on the happy couple.

Both the bride and groom very graciously thanked all those present for the gifts and the enjoyable evening.

Throughout the evening games were played. A get-acquainted game was conducted by Betty Broen and another by Bea Huser and Norm Legaarden. A mock wedding was the highlight of the evening with the following characters: bride, Gale Peterson; groom, Doug

Peterson; best man, Wally Broen; bridesmaids, Betty Broen and Bea Huser; flower girl, Evelyn Johnson; ring bearer, Gary Johnson; soloist, Gwen Legaarden; pianist Margaret Gilmur. The play was narrated by Gwen Legaarden.

A lovely Scandinavian lunch was served to top off a most enjoyable evening.

The wedding took place Saturday, August 9th, in Edmonton, where the couple will make their home.

OLD TIME DANCING IN EDMONTON

by Olaf Sveen

Canada's Mr. Polka, Gaby Haas, and his partners have opened a new Hofbrauhaus in downtown Edmonton. At the Hofbrauhaus there is dancing to live music five nights a week - mainly old-time. If you want the French Minuet you have to ask for it; we might not play it, but you can ask for it! The same goes for 'Livet i Finnskogen' and 'Johan paa Snippen'. I play there Thursday nights, but because of my advanced age, Gaby Haas has only hired me for ten years this time. Apparently after that my job is up for grabs.

My wife Eva is chef at the Hofbrauhaus, because she would rather give orders than take them. I should know - I have been married to her for 28 years (though it seems as if she is married to the Hofbrauhaus right now). But that is not the only reason that she is the chef. She is also a good cook, and they say the proof of the cooking is in the eating. When I first met her I weighed 155 pounds. Now I have



Eva Sveen - Chef

advanced to 217, and that goes to show you a person does not gain weight overnight from Eva's cooking - it has taken me 28 years. Of course she has good helpers in the Hofbrauhaus.

Some of the favourite food at the restaurant is Sauerbraten, Wiener-

Schnitzel, Black Forest Cake, and Eva's Surprise Crepe. What the surprise is I don't know, but if I knew, it wouldn't be a surprise any more.

We have a Scandinavian word "gemytlichkeit", and that is the atmosphere we are trying to create at the Hofbrauhaus.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



by Bob Burt

Just don't forget the general meeting Sept. 10th. Talk over your holiday, meet your members at 7:30 p.m. in the Nordic Room.

The Western barbecue and dance will be held Friday, Sept. 12 at the centre in the Nordic Room. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. - come casual dress or western garb. Bring your own meat; brazing begins just before 7:00 p.m. Trimmings will be provided. Call Sandy Nielsen 454-5880 and let her know you are coming, so we know how many to prepare for.

The Freeloaders will play for the dance and the price is right; what a way to start the fall season!

Bowling is starting at the Windsor Bowl, Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 9 p.m. Those interested in bowling on a team, or sparing, call Edna Giltner 478-5672. The interest is there - please make it the best year yet - get in at the start!

Curling will commence in October, so plan to curl with the club the full season. Call Allan Letendre 276-1683 or Bob McNaughton 475-0968.

The first fall meeting of Torske Klubben was held Sept. 2nd with Gregory Prestholdt as the guest speaker. He showed pictures and articles covering the parachute drop at Rjukan, Norway in World War II to destroy the Norsk Hydro Heavy Water Plant at Vemork in which he had relatives participating.

Harry Huser was quite a celebrity, having his picture in The Sun (Our Sunshine Boy) Tuesday, Aug. 5th following Heritage Days. He was also present at the Stony Plain Multi-Cultural Centre, Aug. 5th-8th where he demonstrated rosemaling throughout the show.

Christina Anderson has been attending NAIT. This summer she entered a province-wide typing contest for secondary schools and was awarded the gold medal for first prize. She will continue her studies later studying business administration.

While Doreen Melsness was here for her daughter's shower and wedding, she was presented with the bowling trophy she won for S/N Womens High Single at the Winter Games at Grande Prairie.

Torske Klubben, sponsors of the Norwegian Language Camp, has purchased 10 text books, "Spoken Norwegian for Adults". They also presented 2 dictionaries as well as 2 tapes and books, "Beginners Norwegian" and "Intermediate Norwegian". Special text books and material were also received from Oslo, which might be used in the instruction of the language. These additions for the instructional group were used at camp this year.

Knut and Rose Svidal took off on a trip to such spots as Las Vegas, Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver.

The Burts seems to be the gaddingest couple; following their S/N Bismarck Convention trip, they travelled to Truro N.S. and Cape Cod, Mass. Poor weather allowed a rest period through the holiday.

The Johnson took in three provinces, touring the Okanagan and Penticton then the Cypress Hills and across to take in the Saskatchewan Homecomings.

Allan and Eva Berg travelled through B.C. taking in such sites as

the Kootenay Lakes, Aron Lake, Okanagan and Vernon.

Dave and Signe (nee Hafso) McKill of Edmonton enjoyed a weekend in Lethbridge.

Everett & Harriet (nee Hafso) Shaver enjoyed a visit with their daughters Fay and Dodi and friends in Victoria and Vancouver.

Stan and Min Hafso returned from an interesting bus trip to Toronto and Montreal. They were fortunate in getting an informative taxi driver for their site-seeing tour of Montreal.

Gordon and Ardis Hafso enjoyed relaxing days at Waterton Lakes.

Carol Berdahl visited her sister at Vernon, B.C. and enjoyed a cabin at Mara Lake.

Edna Giltner on her holidays toured Penticton and Skaha Lake and the Okanagan.

Iver and Martha Venoasen together with Henry and Lois Venoasen and their children Bonny and Jan spent three weeks visiting friends and relatives in Hadeland, Norway (North of Oslo).

Kris and Bernice Nyhus and family spent the summer at Geilo, Norway (near Hallingdal).

Sig and Selma Sorenson have been on a shuttle service to Norway this summer.

Ingrid, daughter of Marvin and Helene Nyborg, returned Aug. 11 following a month's educational tour of England and France. Eighty high school students from Canada and the U.S.A. enjoyed the learning experience sponsored by the Manchester Guardian.

Thor and Reidun Berg toured with his brother and wife, Rolf and Aslaug or Norway, through Jasper, Banff and the Foothills. They also fished at Cranberry Portage, North of La Pas, Manitoba.

Severin Berge had visitors from Norway, his cousins Ole Nerland and Johan from Eiden near Molde on the west coast. Their son Odd-Arne from Tomrefjord, and a friend Sig Arne Skaret of Oslo, all toured Alberta and B.C.

While here an open house was held at which some 40 relatives attended; the occasion to visit with Severin's mother, Anne Josephine, aged 82, who lives in Red Deer.

Odd and Solveig Espeland visited Aalgaard, Norway, this summer to be present at a family reunion for Solveig's mother's 80th birthday.

Sympathy is extended to Solveig Espeland on the death of her brother, Kjell Idland, who passed away August 10th. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and family.

Norm and Gwen Legaarden are pleased to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Jill Elizabeth Legaarden, born August 6th, weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz.

On August 9th Nickoli Hovde and Melinda Igry were married in the garden of his parents, Irene and Nels Hovde; the reception took place on the patio.

Another wedding is coming up in the Hovde family on September 19th when Inga and David Majau are married at Central Lutheran Church; the reception will be held at the Scandinavian Centre.

DANEBROG - THE FIRST DANISH Newspaper in Canada

Established in Ottawa in 1893
in order to promote immigration

by Rolf Buschardt Christensen

(Reprinted from the Danish Club of Ottawa Newsletter)

DANEBROG, the first Danish newspaper published in Canada in Danish, is presently being exhibited at the National Library in Ottawa in connection with the "Ethnic Press in Canada Exhibition" which runs until September 21st. DANEBROG, issued fortnightly, was first published in Ottawa on March 1, 1893 and existed for 39 years, ceasing publication in 1932.

In a letter to the readers on the front page of the first edition, the publisher sets down the aims and objectives of DANEBROG. It is interesting to note that he does not mention the preservation of our culture and heritage. Instead he sees DANEBROG as a publication which will look after our peculiar interests in Canada and which will serve as a link between Denmark and Canada, above all in providing information to immigrants. Secondly, the publisher states that he will make an attempt to get emigration from Denmark on to the right track, by giving advice about opportunities for immigrants in the various parts of Canada. In the future DANEBROG should be able, he continues, to provide information in regard to which kind of workers and small capitalists (arbejdere og smaaakapitalister) might expect a fair return on their work and capital, while he would discourage immigration of those whose trade or business (haandtering) is not suitable for this country.

Elsewhere in the paper he mentions that there is a need for farmers and lots of available land - while many craftsmen and artisans go unemployed. On page three of the four page paper, DANEBROG carries a large Homestead add, stating the conditions for obtaining a 160 acre Homestead on the prairies.

The first issue of DANEBROG also contains a letter to the editor,

written by a Mr. Alfred Akerlindh, who wishes the new publication "lykke og fremgang". Alfred Akerlindh, we know, was first Scandinavian interpreter at the Immigration Office, later becoming General Agent for Scandinavian Immigration in the Department of the Interior.

The owner and editor of DANEBROG was a Dane by the name of Charles C. Meyer, who lived at 263 Albert Street. In 1894, he moved to 273 Maria Street, which has now been renamed Laurier Avenue. In 1895, Charles C. Meyer was appointed Vice-Consul for Denmark.

Before founding DANEBROG, Meyer was Agent for Ottawa for the Thingvalla Line, and this explains his interest in immigration matters. The Thingvalla Line was established in Denmark in 1880 by the Danish financier and industrialist C.F. Tietgen as the first solely Danish freight and passenger line between Copenhagen and New York. The Line's flagship was THINGVALLA, which probably has transported more Danish immigrants across the Atlantic than any other ship.

During its existence, the Thingvalla Line carried about 617,000 immigrants to North America. Many of them were Swedes and Norwegians as Norway and Sweden did not have their own 'America Lines' until this century. In fact, H.N. Andersen of the East Asiatic Company and Isak Gluckstadt of Landmandsbanken were successful in swatting attempts to create a Norway-America Line as late as 1908. Actually, before World War I, many of the Thingvalla Line's passengers were emigrants from Finland and Russia.

The Thingvalla Line's success was partly due to its new steamships, which meant that it was no longer necessary to rely on the wind. As well, with steamships the trip was fairly short and regular departure dates were laid down.

The Thingvalla Line had to a large degree become established to replace the big successful Canadian steamship company Allan Lines, whose Copenhagen office was located at Nyhavn 13. In fact, from the 1870's onward the eight largest emigration agencies (udvandringsagenter) were located on the "fun" side of the Nyhavn Canal. Today they are all gone. Only one trace remains: one side of the stone steps leading up to Nyhavn 19 can be seen the inscription, "CPR Canada-America".

In addition to agents in Scandinavia, the Thingvalla Line had about 400 agents spread across the United States as well as others in Canada. The agents were more than travel agents, perhaps immigration agents is a better term, in that they were supposed to sell prepaid tickets and in general to promote immigration. In 1893, Thingvalla Line's agent in Ottawa was Charles C. Meyer. His connection with the Thingvalla Line and the congratulatory letter from Alfred Akerlindh, the Federal Agent for Scandinavian Immigration, displayed at the National Library during the Ethnic Press in Canada Exhibition, is indeed the only issue the National Library has in its possession. The National Library would of course like to have a complete set. If you have any old copies of DANEBROG or know people who do, then please contact me and we can then arrange to have them photocopied. I can be reached at 238-6464 (day) or 225-9312 (evening).

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AFTER A SHAKY START

by Astrid Hope

On the first day of Edmonton's multicultural extravaganza (August 3rd) the rain and the wind got together to play havoc at Hawrelak Park.

Tents were blown down or collapsed under the pressure of the wind (including ours), forcing organizers to close the event early; in fact many ethnic groups passed this day up altogether.

But the second day dawned sunny and warm making up for the chaos on Sunday, psychologically if not financially. Members of the Finnish Society had our tent up again and ready to go before anyone else even got there, and there were droves of people everywhere throughout the day.

BIRTHDAY CAKE

A colourful opening ceremony took place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, postponed from Sunday. Representatives of approximately 45 ethnic groups were present to help with the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the 75th Birthday Celebration, and after speeches by the Mayor of Edmonton, the Federal Minister of Multiculturalism, and the Provincial Minister of Culture, a huge birthday cake with 75 lights on it was brought in, hundreds of bright balloons were released into the air, and everyone joined in singing "Happy Birthday to Alberta".

KRINGLE IN DEMAND

The Scandinavian Centre was right in there with two large tent pavilions - one huge one for displays and the other for food. In charge of the displays were Anneli Thurlin, Finnish; Astrid Hope, Norwegian; and Beulah Hinton, Swedish. There were line-ups all day at the food pavilion for that flaky Danish kringle and coffee; neither Janette Burt nor the cash register got a rest for the whole day.

MANY ON-LOOKERS

Hundreds of people gathered around to watch the enthusiastic

Finnish Dancers in their colourful costumes, and the crowds were thick for each of the three performances by the Freeloaders when they filled the air with strains of Norwegian folk-tunes. Del Melsness, expected to have played with them, unfortunately sprained his ankle and wasn't able to make it.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

In addition to the individual ethnic programs there were special programs throughout the day on the main stage. Taking part were the Northgate Senior Citizens' Ukrainian Choir, Chandos Choir from England, La Boite a Popicos, Workshop West with "Gabriel, the Outlaw Hero", and Catalyst Theatre with the musical "Catch 75".

AND THE FOOD!

The 'Smorgasbord of the World' was open to anyone; travelling from pavilion to pavilion one was able to experience each different country gastronomically. There was Slovenia's crabment rolled and served with plum sauce; Scottish haggis; Columbian empanadas; Japanese teriyaki chicken; German Knockwurst sausage; the very popular Ukrainian pyrohy and holups; all topped off with kringle, of course!

All in all it was a successful event, and Sunday's mishaps were almost forgotten.

OUR THANKS

On behalf of the Scandinavian Centre, Beulah Hinton and I (Cultural Directors) thank Doug Peterson, who co-ordinated our endeavour, as well as all the volunteers who helped us with this annual festival behind the scenes - setting up and dismantling, working in the food pavilion, working with displays, and providing the Scandinavian entertainment. Thanks also to Harv Haugen for the loan of his sound system - a great asset to our show.

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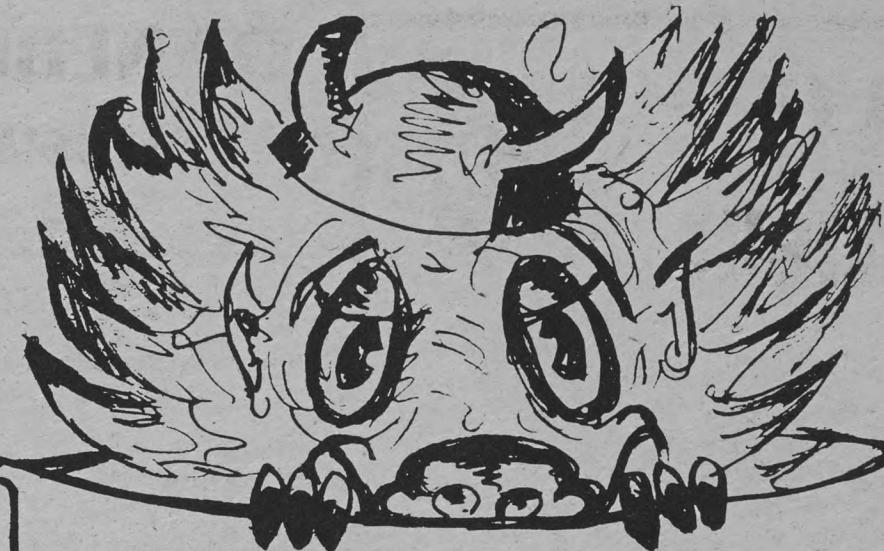
Two-in-one Kiddie Chair won furniture prize.

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STOCK POT NEWS

by Jens Norgaard Gron

Again this year the Scandinavian Centre was represented at Hawrelak Park for Heritage Days. Although Sunday was rained out, we did manage to make enough money on Monday to show a profit. From 11 am until 6 pm the crowds lined up to see our exhibition and to taste our Kringles. We would like to thank the many hardworking people who gave so freely of their time and talent and made the Scandinavian exhibit a success we all can be proud of.

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People often ask why the Scandinavian Centre doesn't open a daily restaurant. While the idea certainly has possibilities considering our location, the restrictions placed on restaurant facilities by the ALCB and the Health Board would make such a project too expensive to be feasible. These restrictions include separate washrooms solely for the restaurant, chairs with padded seats and backs, and air conditioning, just to name a few.

Instead, the Centre will soon be offering a catering service for parties in the home. The menu will be extensive, with first-class food that will make any gathering, large or small, the talk of the town.

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The Centre would like to congratulate Susanne Kristensen on her "round" birthday Saturday, August 8. It was typical of the hardworking Susanne that she celebrated her big day by serving food to hungry banquet guests until late evening.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA

by Don Samuelson



First of all - thanks to Eleanor Sundberg, Marion Campbell, Leona Anderson and Shirley Sykes - who volunteered to take on our share of duties at Heritage Days. And special thanks to Beulah and Ed Hinton; Beulah was the organizer of the event for the Swedish group, and both she and Ed were on hand to show the Swedish display for the whole of Monday, the only nice day. They were relieved by Lars Fahlstrom, the Swedish Consul in Edmonton. It was reported that there was a tremendous crowd on Monday, which made the event worth-while.

The Winquist family were delighted to have visitors for a week from Karlstad, Sweden - their neice and her husband - Annie and Harold Lindberg. The Lindbergs are on a six-week holiday which will take them through Alberta and B.C., and through most parts of the United States before returning home.

Ray and Gladys McAuley are proud grandparents of a granddaughter, as are Ernie and Reni Hokanson.

Congratulations to Sid Johnson and his bride, Roslyn Bett, on their marriage August 16th.

Milton and Virgie Fawcett announce the marriage of their daughter, Lois, to Greg Johnston on August 29th at Augustana Lutheran Church.

Erland and Ethel Markstrom have been enjoying a visit from Ethel's sister, Helen Wiberg, of Florida.

At our last meeting it was announced that there were a number

of members not up to par. A speedy recovery to Sisters Anna Roos, Anna Sund and Marjorie Leander, and Brothers Don Johnson and Erland Markstrom.

Don Melin and his family are moving to Drumheller on August 25th to open a business. We will miss his talents on the piano, but we would like to wish them the best of luck.

Like all pioneers, they had a desire to move west in their early days and settle in Alberta. Now moving farther west, Oscar and Winnie Pearson recently moved to Burnaby, B.C., to join friends and family. We hope they took raincoats and umbrellas!

Our thanks to Ron and Ken Eliasson for installing the furnace in the clubhouse; also to Milton Fawcett who installed the gas-line. The furnace is now fully operational - thanks again guys.

The tennis tournament was originally scheduled for August 3rd and 4th but was postponed until the following weekend, when Ron and Ken Eliasson were the overall winners. The dance was held, but the turnout was not up to par.

Mrs. Evelyn Modin, who is doing a history of our Lodge, requires help from members in order to assure an accurate book. She needs pictures of past and present members and their families, as well as old artifacts with lodge values for the Archives. For more information contact her at 1-389-2468, or R.R. 1, Thorsby.

Smorgasbord September 5th meeting night starts at 5:00 p.m. at Vasa Park.

HERITAGE (GURGLE, GURGLE) DAYS

by Doug Peterson

Coffee and kringle!

That combination appealed to nearly everyone at Heritage Days 1980. Our hard-working volunteers served approximately 1,200 cups of coffee, 3,000 pieces of kringle, and 400 glasses of pop.

DISASTER

Sunday was a disaster. Due to the rain we didn't open our pavilion. Brisk winds were too much for the tent pegs anchored in the soggy ground, and by three o'clock on Sunday afternoon our large tent was a heap of wet canvas.

RESOLVE TO PARTICIPATE

On Monday the sun returned, however, and by 9:00 a.m. those hard-working Finns had the tent up and ready for the steady stream of visitors interested in the crafts and culture of the Scandinavian countries.

It was a great disappointment that only three of the Scandinavian countries were represented; I am sure that many visitors get that extra feeling of pride when they visit the pavilion of their homeland. Let us resolve now that in 1981 EVERY group will be represented.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to the Finnish dance group and the Norwegian Freeloaders for providing entertainment. Thanks to Tom and Rick Haugen for providing and operating our sound system.

Centre Manager, Jens Gron, also logged many hours hauling food and equipment.

DEMONSTRATE PRIDE

Heritage Days is a unique opportunity to demonstrate pride in our Scandinavian heritage. We must start early to plan to make the 1981 production a showpiece for the Scandinavian community.



The Finns at Heritage Days

Viking Settlement UNESCO World Heritage Site

(Reprinted from Danish Club of Ottawa Newsletter)

L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Park, situated on a lonely stretch of windswept barrens on the northern tip of Newfoundland, was officially recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site on Friday, July 11, 1980. The Hon. John Roberts, Minister of the Environment, responsible for Parks Canada, officiated at the dedication and plaque unveiling ceremony at the Park, which commemorates the only authenticated Viking settlement in North America. Attending the ceremony were an honour roll of dignitaries and archeological experts, including representatives from UNESCO, Newfoundland and the Nordic countries. Denmark was represented by H.E. Ambassador Vagn Korsbaek.

As the earliest manifestation of European venture into the New World, the site ranks among the major archeological discoveries in the world. The principal part of the site was excavated between 1961-1968 by a Norwegian team led by Dr. Helge Ingstad and Dr. Anne Stine Ingstad, who together discovered the site while in search of Leif Ericson's Vinland. The Norse site contains the remains of 8 sod buildings. Three are large dwellings, one having an interior length of nearly 25 meters. The rest are smaller and may have been workshops, one of them being a smithy. Four years of additional archeological excavation was subsequently undertaken by Parks Canada to broaden the information base.

To date over 2,400 artifacts, radiocarbon dated to between AD 860-890 and AD 1060-1070, have been found. These artifacts have proved that Norse women came with the men and that it was not just a temporary camp set up for a couple of weeks.

One wonders what caused the Vikings to settle at L'Anse aux Meadows, which although scenic is not a hospitable spot. It may be due to the winds and currents as a ship left to the mercy of the elements in the seas southwest of Greenland almost invariably ends up in the Strait of Belle Isle because of the powerful Labrador current. Once in the vicinity of the Strait of Belle Isle, L'Anse aux Meadows is likely to attract attention because of the exposed location on the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula. It also bears a striking resemblance to Iceland and southwestern Greenland, areas to which the Norse were particularly well adapted.

A quirk of the alphabet has resulted in the site becoming the first to be officially recognized as a World Heritage Site by the 37 countries that agreed in 1978 to establish such a list. Canada's turn happened to come first, and L'Anse aux Meadows was first in line. The name derives from the local pronunciation of the French L'Anse aux Meduses or Jellyfish Bay.

Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta has also been named to the UNESCO World Heritage List. So far 57 cultural and natural heritage sites in 21 countries have been placed on the List, including Mt. Everest, the Grand Canyon and Thebes in Egypt.

Following the unveiling of the UNESCO plaque, the Hon. John Roberts officially opened the three recently completed reproductions of the Viking sod buildings adjacent to the actual site.

About 7,000 tourists are expected to go through the site this year, to see where the Norse lived 500 years before Jacques Cartier arrived in the New World.

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By THE LAW SHALL THE LAND BE BUILT

From Sons of Norway "Viking")

To most of us the word "Viking" brings a mental picture of a boat load of wild-eyed berserks intent on bedlam, butchery, and booty. So that we won't feel too guilty about our ancestors, I'd like to present another viewpoint of Viking life — law and order.

The Norse laws, and there were many, were strictly enforced in towns both in Norway and in their foreign colonies. In the early period the crimes of slander, blasphemy, bribery, stealing, wounding, and murder could cause banishment.

Witnesses to a serious crime had the duty of crying out and pursuing the wrongdoer. This later became a law in England. A witness to a quarrel who did not try to part the belligerents, or help one of them, had to pay a fine called "indemnity of laziness" to the king.

If a man was wounded maliciously, he had to announce the fact to the first man he met and call a meeting of the local thing. In the case of a serious crime, it was the duty of the victim's family to call for a meeting of the court.

Both in Norway and Iceland a man was bound to support his parents, children, brothers, and sisters if any were in want.

The present Norwegian word "ting" a legislative assembly, was called "thing" in Old Norse, the language spoken by our Viking forefathers.

All landowners within a small political area were required to attend the area's thing or pay a fine unless their farm was so small that they worked it themselves. For the annual General Thing a fine of 3 ounces of silver was imposed on any man who was chosen to attend and then did not appear.

Arrows were sent to summon men to a thing or to war. In the case of war a cord was tied to the arrow. Straight wooden trumpets were also used to call men together for war or things either court, house, or general. After Christianity, a cross was sent around instead of the arrow.

A local assembly was held 5 days after the summons. Regular thing meetings were held at definite times; a summons was not needed.

No lawsuits could be conducted in Norway during a litigation truce in late spring; this allowed the farmers time to give their undivided attention to farming.

Thing assemblies were usually held in summer and would last two or more weeks. Since this was one of the largest meetings of people in each area, several other functions were scheduled for the same period. Religious festivals were conducted, commercial dealings, and marriage alliances were settled before all the witnesses.

Intellectual and athletic contests were held during breaks in the law discussions.

Most people put up tents during their stay at the thing. Merchants set up booths to sell their wares, and soothsayers, musicians and jugglers were on hand to entertain.

All who attended a thing were required to be sober. No drinks could be brought in or sold there.

Those who objected to the decision of a local thing could appeal to a higher court called "Landthing." This court could sentence one to banishment, which meant leaving the country for one's own safety.

Orthaland, the most highly prized possession of a Norseman, had laws governing its sale and inheritance. At times the transfer of land ownership took place at the local assembly with all the thingmen taking part in the ceremony.

Commercial and international affairs were covered under a code of law called Bjarko Law.

A criminal was allowed safe conduct to the thing meeting where his case was to be tried.

Before Christianity, an oath was administered with a heavy silver ring dipped in the blood of a sacrificial ox. The hand was placed on the ring and several of the gods were invoked to witness the truth of the statements.

Arms were always laid aside until the assembly was concluded. Those assembled at a thing showed their agreement with a decision by picking up their weapons and striking their shields or rattling spears; this was called Vapna-tak. The end of the meeting was done the same way with the declaration that all affairs were settled.

The Norwegian emigrants who settled in Iceland in the late 9th century went from clan groups to assemblies (things) for the settlement of their controversies.

In the year 930 in Iceland the Ulvijot law was put in force modeled after the Gulathing law of Southern Norway. That same year they formed a central parliament (Althing) for all Iceland. Thus the oldest surviving parliament in the world was formed.

This was in a period when monarchy was the only form of government known to a feudal age. Besides being a legislative assembly, the Althing was also the supreme court which functioned by jury.

The speakers of the house of representatives in the United States and the British house of commons have some of the same functions as the lawspeaker who was the only officer of the Icelandic Commonwealth; he presided at their Althing. At the general thing meetings in Norway, the king presided.

A flat rock in the middle of the field was called the law rock (logberg). The lawspeaker stood on this rock when presiding; each year he recited from memory one-third of their laws. The open area where the

thing was held was called thingvollar. This, the oldest republic in the world, lasted 300 years.

The southern lawmakers of Viking Norway met on a small island in the Bergen area named Guloe; those in the north held their thing on the peninsula of Frosta in the vicinity of Trondhjem. The Guloe thing was in existence by the 10th century; the Frostathing followed. These two locations gave their names to Norway's greatest early law codes.

A Gulathing law stated that if a high born man induced a slave to commit robbery, he and not the slave would be punished.

One Frostathing law set forth that no man shall attack another in his home, neither king nor any other man. If the king does this the arrow shall be sent forth through all the districts and (men shall) go upon him and slay him if they are able to seize him; if he escapes he shall never be allowed to return to the land.

Another pronounced the bishops shall govern the church and rule in all matters of religion. He shall appoint as priests whomever he will, but he has promised to have such priests as are agreeable and know the ritual correctly.

The Frostathing also decided any man who stole fruits or plants from a garden or farm could be beaten and deprived of his clothes, but stealing food to sustain life was not punishable.

Children attained responsibility at the age of eight; in Southern Norway the age was set at twelve. The Frostathing law was in force in Northern Norway for a long period; a quote from it provided the title for this article.

In 1274 the existing provincial laws were made the basis of a new civil code for the entire country.

Although socially the Northland was aristocratic, politically it was democratic. No king could rule over the people or the land without the consent of the thing.

Under Haakon the Good (ca. 935-961) a son of Harald the Fairhair, the following laws were enacted:

Taxation would be regulated by the things. Each fylke (district) would send a certain number of men to the things. They would receive a fixed salary. The personal tax of Harald was made a shipbuilding tax by Haakon. A quota of ships and warriors was assigned each district. In case of war each district had to meet its quota. In peacetime this was reduced to half. Every man capable of military duty.

King Olav (the saint) (ca. 1015-1030) made some changes in the framework of the government and also in the methods of enacting laws. The powers of administration, taxation and legislation were in the hands of the king; he became the exponent of the national will. The people still had much to say on how

they were ruled.

Private negotiations were made with the king if a new law was felt to be needed or if an existing law needed changing. After an agreement was made, the proposal was offered at the lagthing in the king's name. If the king felt the need for a new law or a change of an old one the procedure was the same.

200 years after Olav became king of Norway, the Magna Charta was reluctantly signed by King John of England; this charter was written to end some of the abuses of the power of their king. A year later he was still fighting the promoters of the document.

King Magnus the Good (ca. 1035-1047) the son of Olaf Haraldson (St. Olaf) composed a law book called "Gray Goose." The preamble to most laws contained the words, "We are forbidden to commit any sort of evil deed."

The Norse laws were brought over to the colonies of Ireland. In Dublin a thing was held with 36 members of the lagrette; 12 of these were active at a time. They acted as the jury in deciding cases. This made such a big impression on the Irish that a ballad was composed about it. The ballad was known as "The Lay of Magnus the Great, King of Lochlann." In it the Norsemen

are called "the Twelve Judges."

The 12 man English jury is believed by many students of historical law to have been an imported Norse custom.

A jury of five to nine was used in minor cases. The juries gave their verdicts through a foreman. In case of no decision the case was taken to the next higher public court.

Our word "law" is of Scandinavian origin (log); it replaced the Old English word "doom." Our present term "by-law" comes from the Scandinavian "by-log" or city law. A thing meeting in a town was called mot; in modern English a subject open to discussion can be called "a moot point."

Now, a millennium later, modern Norway is still doing its "thing." The democratic constitution of Grundlov, bearing the original date of May 17th, 1814, vests the legislative power in the Storting which represents the power of the people. The Storting is elected every four years. They in turn elect one-fourth of their members to constitute the Lagting, the other three-fourths form the Odelsting.

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 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon ground white pepper
2 tablespoons cream or half-and-half
6 medium tomatoes
Parsley or dill sprigs

Drain herring; chop. Combine herring, apple, mayonnaise, dill weed, salt, pepper and cream. Remove stem end from tomatoes; carefully remove seeds and juice. Fill tomatoes with herring salad mixture. Serve cold, garnished with sprig of parsley or dill.

Swedish carrot and apple salad

Morots-och äppelsallad

4 servings

2 large carrots, grated
2 medium apples, grated
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Combine carrots, apples, and lemon juice; toss lightly. Chill thoroughly. Serve with fish dishes.

Danish red cabbage salad

Rödkalssalat

4 servings

1 cup finely shredded red cabbage
2 medium apples, coarsely grated
1 medium onion, chopped
1 teaspoon caraway seed, crushed
2 tablespoons French dressing

Combine all ingredients; toss lightly.

Swedish cabbage and orange salad

Vitkåls-och apelsinsallad

4 servings

1 cup finely shredded white cabbage
2 naval oranges, sectioned
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"GENTLE SINNERS"

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I've mentioned before that Valgardson's fiction has a quality that can best be described as **Manitoba Gothic**, and that description fits this novel. In addition, he borrows some of the atmosphere of fiction about the decadent rural American south, which gives the novel an eerie, haunting quality.

The plot is improbable, but that becomes irrelevant; the novel's strong points are symbolism, flashing imagery, and an undercurrent of menace and violence and observations about the need for roots, the dangers and pitfalls of materialism. There are dwarfs, freaks and maimed people of various kinds, men crippled by old age, a colony of dotty priests, even Charon, fabled boatman of the Styx. The town is decaying - basements are cracked, walls are off centre, weeds and wildflowers are slowly taking over from the defeated inhabitants. The abandoned railway station is the color of day-old blood. Old men sit in front of the pool hall gossiping all day and ogling the young women as they go to the town well. Everything is twisted, and although the story often verges on the surreal, it never quite goes over the edge.

W.D. Valgardson is one of the current fiction writers who celebrates our rural roots. It comes naturally to him and reflects his own experience; he was born and grew up in the Icelandic community around Gimli, Manitoba, and the emphasis in his three collections of short stories has been on that region and its inhabitants. In those collections, Valgardson has shown himself to be an acute and perceptive chronicler of one of our lesser known backwaters.

Gentle Sinners is Valgardson's first novel, and with it he proves he can go the distance. Once again, the setting is the interlake region of Manitoba north of Winnipeg, but the Icelandic element is not dominant. But the passionately loyal smalltown characters who populate his short stories are again much in evidence. One old man, who strongly resists his children's attempts to get him to join them in Toronto, so they can keep an eye on him, says "There are worse things than dying." Another character, an old resident of the area, observes after a convivial evening of drinking homemade wine and making music on a washtub, saw and harmonica, "I couldn't live in Toronto, not for any man." Toronto clearly has become the symbol of all that is distasteful about urban Canadian life.

When the boy ran away from his oppressive parents, he decided that as a show of defiance he would systematically and enthusiastically break all 10 commandments, and finish up by shooting his father and mother. His search for a gun adds a certain tension to the plot, but we never quite believe him capable of following through. Evil is more apparent in the person of Larry, a psychotic young man who has filled a warehouse with useless junk because he got it cheap; and in the Tree brothers, whose malevolent power over the district cannot be challenged without mortal danger.

From his uncle, Eric learns about his grandparents and other relatives in Iceland, and for the first time feels a sense of belonging. He says his mother never told him anything about the family: "You'd have thought we were all ordered from Eaton's and somebody lost the receipt." But as one of his uncle's friends tells him, "You've got to know who you are. You don't know, you're like a tree somebody planted after cutting off the roots."

To emphasize the point, Valgardson describes a phony antique business run by the evil Trees; they have a technique for making instant antiques out of new furniture, the message presumably being that even furniture gains in value when it has a history.

Eric's parents finally track him down and there's a melodramatic scene in which they try to reclaim him. By this time he's in love with a girl who's a prisoner of the Trees, and in the midst of a cleansing and endless rain they try to escape. That's when the bridge gets washed out and the veiled Charon figure appears to ferry Eric across the Styx.

Gentle Sinners is a quirky novel, and it has its weaknesses. But it is also an ambitious work of high imagination that marks Valgardson as a novelist to watch.

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